

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 6, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

It would be desirable to provide a method and apparatus for loading and unloading transducer heads **124** from the surfaces of magnetic disks **108** in such a way that an objectionable acoustical output is not produced. In addition, it would be desirable to provide such a method and apparatus that ~~allowed~~ allows accurate control of the velocity with which transducer heads **124** are loaded and unloaded from disk **108** surfaces. Furthermore, it would be desirable to provide such a method and apparatus that is inexpensive to implement and reliable in operation.